

## DUBERRY HILLS HOA MEETING NOTES - April 23, 2008



On April 23, 2008 the City of Auburn Mayor and City staff met with members of Duberry Hills Home Owners Association at Arthur Jacobsen Elementary School, 29205 132nd Ave SE.

**Staff in Attendance:** Mayor Pete Lewis, Community Services Project Assistant Kirsten Reynolds, Code Enforcement Officer Don Stephens, Assistant Police Chief Larry Miller and Public Works Director Dennis Dowdy.

**Community Members in Attendance:**

The HOA took attendance; there were approximately 25 residents in attendance.

**Welcome and Introductions:**

HOA President Ron Turner opened the annual Duberry Hills HOA meeting with introductions of Mayor Pete Lewis and City staff. Mayor Lewis facilitated a question and answer session that addressed the following topics:

- Streetlights – currently the streetlights are the responsibility of the HOAs, as they were with King County. Ultimately the City of Auburn will take responsibility for all the HOA streetlights, but first the lighting system must pass a Public Works utility inspection; if they do not pass they must be brought up to the City's operational standards. City Council should be reviewing this process within a couple of months. The City will inform all the HOAs when the Finance Committee and City Council plan to hold public meetings regarding this timeline. The City was already aware of 23 HOAs in the Lea Hill area; recently the City was informed by Puget Sound Energy (PSE) of 21 additional HOAs.
- Retention / Detention Ponds - are the HOA's responsibility to maintain. The Mayor expressed he would like to see these retention ponds be transformed into a natural habitat.
- 911 – residents were advised to call 911 for all emergencies and non-emergency issues such as street lights out, stop lights out, missing stop signs, fireworks, loose dogs, sewer backups, water leaks, etc. The City shares ownership of the 911 system with other south end cities and the calls go into a dispatch center so residents shouldn't worry about tying up the phone line when making these types of calls.

**Public Works Issues:**

**Stop Signs, Traffic Lights & Cameras –**

- A recommendation was made to install a stop light sensor at 124<sup>th</sup> and 304<sup>th</sup>.
- Traffic calming requires a traffic study then, if warranted, a 40% consensus of all the neighbors; the vote would be conducted by the City.

**Sidewalks, Speed Bumps, Curbs and Parking –**

- Street cleaning will be done once a month on a regular schedule.
- The *Verdona* development will stay in the City of Kent's jurisdiction until the development is complete. Mayor reported it may be another two-three years.
- There are no locks on the storm tunnels at the end of 130<sup>th</sup> and 299<sup>th</sup> (heading south). Director Dennis Dowdy will look into this issue for the community.

**Code Enforcement Issues:**

- The City does not permit on street parking for big trucks; they are not allowed to park on the street for more than 72 hours. The City can be asked to paint curb striping if it continues to be a problem.
- Cul-de-sac parking is not allowed, residents should call 911 to report this type of non-emergency situation.
- Code enforcement issues are handled by three officers on a case by case situation. There must be a complaint called in. Mayor invited people to call the Code Enforcement Officers because they do not go looking for issues.

**Police Topics:**

- There are a total of 114 officers on staff; six cars cover the entire city during any one shift.
- Off-duty Police can be hired if the HOA wishes to do so.

**Planning:**

- The majority of the zoning in the Lea Hill area was changed to single family residential; however, there are already 23 multi-family residential projects permitted from King County.
- The Duberry Hills plat language originally stated the local jurisdiction would take responsibility over the northern area after development was completed. Staff will need to check on this language and get back to the HOA regarding this.

**Parks:**

- HOA parks will continue to be owned by the HOA. Jamison Tree Farm redevelopment will be starting summer 2008. There will be meetings when the community can give input.
- There were concerns regarding noxious weeds taking over wetland pockets.